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## **Burnsville Woman Indicted** on Federal Sex Trafficking Charges

Minneapolis - Earlier today a federal grand jury returned an indictment against a Burnsville, Minnesota, woman for the sex trafficking of a minor. Justine Alex Reisdorf, age 19, was charged with one count of the sex trafficking of a minor and one count of using an interstate facility to promote prostitution.

The indictment and accompanying court documents allege that between November of 2006 and March of 2007, Reisdorf operated a prostitution ring out of her rented townhouse in Burnsville. Those documents also allege that Reisdorf knowingly employed female students under the age of eighteen from Minnesota School District 191 to serve as prostitutes for that business.

Reisdorf's prostitution operation was allegedly advertised on the Internet, specifically through listings on Craigslist.com. Those listings allegedly advertised both adult and minor prostitution services and displayed photographs of the prostitutes, along with available services and prices for those services.

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In April of 2007, a subpoena was served on Craig's List, Inc., seeking the identity of the person who placed those listings. That person was allegedly determined to be Deja A. McDone, which law enforcement officers believe is an alias used by Justine Alex Reisdorf.

Law enforcement executed a Dakota County search warrant on Reisdorf's townhouse on December 19, 2006. There, they allegedly found items indicative of a prostitution operation, including names and telephone numbers.

Following the return of today's indictment, United States Attorney Rachel K. Paulose said, "This Office will continue to prioritize the prosecution of those who sexually exploit women and children."

If convicted, Reisdorf faces a maximum potential penalty of life in federal prison for her crime. Any sentence, however, will be determined by a judge.

This case is the result of an investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Eagan Police Department. Assistant United States Attorney Erica H. MacDonald is prosecuting the case.

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